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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"In view of the opinion held by the Government that 'it is educationally undesirable that a student should be attending lectures in some subjects when he is preparing for examination in other subjects not taught to him in his class room,' may I know how in Trivandrum Law College they allow such a thing?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"What is considered as good by the Travancore Government may not be considered so by the Madras Government."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Since the Government obtained this opinion, viz., that it is undesirable 'that a student should be attending lectures . . . etc.,' so long ago as 1925, can they not attempt to elicit a fresh opinion now?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I am still of opinion that it is educationally undesirable. There are peculiar conditions prevailing in Madras and it would not be suitable to adopt the system proposed."

Special lectures in the Madras Law College.

* 40 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many special lectures were given in the Law College each year during the last two years;

(*b*) what amount was spent every year for this purpose; and

(*c*) what percentage of students on an average attended these lectures?

A.—(*a*) 62 in 1926-27.
55 in 1927-28.

(*b*) Rs. 15,000 during each of the two years.

(*c*) As attendance was not taken during the special lectures, it is not possible to give the information required under this head.

Mr. A. B Shetty :—"May I know whether it is a fact that only a small number of students on an average attend these special lectures."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Yes."

Progress made by the Committee to co-opt Agricultural Education with that of Arts.

* 41 *Q.*—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the progress made in the work of the Committee to co-opt Agricultural education with that of Arts?

A.—The final report of the Committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out detailed proposals for the teaching of the elements of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools has not yet been received. The Director has been asked to expedite the submission of the report.

The Zamindar of Gollapalli :—"May I know definitely in what stage the work of the Committee is?"